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Forty-eighth session
27 January to 6 March 1992

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The forty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 27 January to 6 March 1992. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 27 January 1992.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda, prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

Pre-sessional working groups

3. It is expected that the forty-eighth session of the Commission will be preceded by meetings of four working groups in connection with the following items:

(a) Item 12 (c) The Working Group on Situations, composed of five members of the Commission, is scheduled to meet from 20 to 24 January 1992 to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on

Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 (Commission resolution 1990/55, Council resolution 1990/41);

(b) Item 10 (c) An open-ended working group established to consider the draft declaration on the protection of all persons from enforced or involuntary disappearance submitted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (Commission resolution 1991/41, Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/27) is scheduled to meet from 28 October to 8 November 1991;

(c) Item 18 An open-ended working group established to complete its second reading of the draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (Commission resolution 1991/61, Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/30) is scheduled to meet from 2 to 13 December 1991;

(d) Item 21 An open-ended working group established to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms (Commission resolution 1991/63, Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/31) is scheduled to meet from 13 to 24 January 1992.

Post-session Bureau meeting

4. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/48, the Bureau of the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights will meet in the week following the session to make suggestions about the organization of the work of the Commission, including the effective use of conference time and facilities.

5. Any decisions and resolutions affecting the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the Commission that may be adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session or by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session in 1992 will be brought to the attention of the Commission in an addendum to the present document. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will also be issued in an addendum.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Organization of the work of the session.

4. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine.

5. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts.

6. Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist regime in southern Africa.

7. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights, including: problems related to the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living; foreign debt, economic adjustment policies and their effects on the full enjoyment of human rights and, in particular, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development.

8. Question of the realization of the right to development.

9. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation.

10. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:

    (a) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

    (b) Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

    (c) Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances.

    (d) Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

11. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission:

(a) Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights;

(c) Coordinating role of the Centre for Human Rights within the United Nations bodies and machinery dealing with the promotion and protection of human rights.

12. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:

(a) Question of human rights in Cyprus;

(b) Situation of human rights in occupied Kuwait;

(c) Study of situations which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group on Situations established by the Commission at its forty-seventh session.

13. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers.

14. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

15. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

16. Effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments.

17. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-third session.

18. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

19. Advisory services in the field of human rights.

20. Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

21. Drafting of a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms.

22. Rights of the child, including:

    (a) Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

    (b) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children;

    (c) Programme of action for the elimination of the exploitation of child labour;

    (d) Draft programme of action for the prevention of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

23. Election of members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

24. World Conference on Human Rights

25. Draft provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission.

26. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the forty-eighth session of the Commission.